

Endowment Board Meets

The Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav met for the first time on April 11. The Endowment Fund was established by votes of the Va'ad and the congregation in 1987.

The purpose of the fund is to assure the stability, preservation and growth of Sha'ar Zahav into the 21st century and beyond by building and strengthening our economic base. The fund will not be used to pay for the day-to-day functioning of the synagogue, or even for unusual or new expenses such as a roof or a cantor; these will be paid from the General Fund (i.e., our dues). Rather, when a sufficient amount of capital is accumulated through donations and bequests, the Board of Trustees will authorize use of interest earned by that capital to enhance the quality of synagogue life. It is impossible to predict what our particular needs will be when the time comes, but examples might include funding a chair for an educator or helping the congregation to buy or build a new building.

Under the fund's bylaws, its Board of Trustees consists of the five most immediate past presidents of the congregation who are still members in good standing and are willing and able to serve. Under this formula the board now consists of Richard Inlander, Irene Ogus, Don Albert, Mike Rankin and Paul Cohen. The board selected the two most recent past presidents, Richard and Irene, as secretary and chair, respectively. On July 1, Paul will retire from the board, and Robin Leonard will join it.

Shortly after the Endowment Fund came into being, the Va'ad established a synagogue policy that all funds received for dedications and memorials now go to the Endowment Fund. Thanks to several generous members the fund already has reached a level of over \$6,000. At its first meeting the board discussed

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Parade Monitors Needed

For CSZ's contingent at the Gay Freedom Day parade, June 25.
For more information, call Jose Luis Moscovich at 864-5331.



Happy smiles greet Ronnie Gilbert after a joyous evening of music, wit and charm (Vice President Eric Keitel, Ronnie Gilbert, President Robin Leonard).

Thanks, It's Been An Honor

I have had a great year. Being president of Sha'ar Zahav will no doubt be one of the high points in my life. We are a vibrant, active, caring and deeply spiritual congregation. We are very diverse, yet we celebrate our diversity. Many challenges face us, challenges of change, growth and death, yet we never weaken our commitment to *tikkun olum*, *tzedakah* and *mitzvot*.

Deciding not to run for a second term was not easy. I very much wanted to continue, but had to honestly assess the amount of work it takes (or takes me) to be CSZ president. As president, I attend an average of four meetings a week and nearly every Friday night service. I also do CSZ "stuff" for about six hours every Sunday.

And that's just what I do. What amazes me the most about our congregation is the level of participation by our membership. We could not operate, let alone grow, and I could not have survived, without all of you. And that's what this column is about. Let me thank all of you who have volunteered your time on one or another congregational activity.

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In addition, many members deserve special recognition for serving on the Va'ad, chairing a committee or major event, or similarly contributing. Special thanks to Don Albert, Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Allan Berenstein, Ann Biderman, Howard Blechman, Allen Brandstein, Ken Burke, Tiela Chalmers, Daniel Chesir, Paul Cohen, Sue Douglass, Steve Elman, Sanford Friedman & Jerry Hipps, David Gellman, Bill Goldstein, Steve Greenberg, Frank Hyman, Richard Inlander, Lisa Katz, Allyce Kimerling, Ida Kuluk, Shirley Liberman, Merry Luskin, Marc Mencher, Jonathan Mesinger, Scott Mezistrano, Jose Luis Moscovich, Irene Ogus, Leila Raim, Mike Rankin, Jill Rose, Alita Rosenfeld, Sharyn Saslafsky, Randy Schiller, Jonathan Schwartz, Susan Stahl, Dana Vini-

coff and Andy Zimmerman.

Two others must be mentioned separately. That Ben, our treasurer, maintains his deep spiritual commitment while working enormous hours for the synagogue, is inspirational. And Eric, who is there for me left and right, day and night, whenever I need him, who intuitively takes on things without me having to ask, and who has become one of the best friends a person could have, gets a big (and I mean big) hug.

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Support Group For Those With a Life-Altering Illness

Someone recently gave me a button which reads "Reality Is When It Happens To You." Though not as elegantly put, it brought to mind La Rochefoucauld's maxim, "We all have strength enough to endure the misfortunes of others." When the misfortunes become one's reality, a new life begins.

For those of us dealing with life-altering illness, the focus frequently shifts to coping with loss rather than creating a life. When we turn to others for support, we often find those who cannot understand our situation because they do not live it, or those whose situation is so like our own that we are left only with the common denominator of the illness itself to explore.

A number of us who have been participating in the monthly Healing Service at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav have begun to feel the need for a different kind of ongoing support group as well.

The groups created for those who are struggling with cancer, AIDS, MS or other illnesses, define themselves only by those parameters and provide us with an opportunity to exchange information and become better "consumers." But in addition, we would like to meet as a group whose focus is not on the specifics of any chronic or life-threatening illness, but the lives that we must lead as a result.

The issues of friendship, family, self-esteem, care, medical ethics and loss are woven into the day-to-day business of living with illness. Yet all too frequently, there is no forum in which to discuss them.

Many of us have found our voices to raise questions about being ill, about dying. We would now like to come together and raise our voices to ask the questions about living—living as we do, our lives constantly redefined by the reality of our circumstance. Within the context of the synagogue, and as Jews, we can have a place to discuss these questions. Though not limited to CSZ members, we would like to begin there.

Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me. My righteousness I will hold fast, and will not let it go;

My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live. (Job 27:5-6)

If you would like to join us or know someone who might, call Susan at 668-2272.

Naches

Sue Douglass and Sonia Elizabeth (Sonita) Douglass are proud to announce an upcoming simcha for their daughter and older sister. Sonia Diana Douglass will be welcomed into the covenant of Israel and receive her Hebrew name during Shabbat services on Friday night, June 2. Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Phyllis Mintzer, Sonia's Kadimah teacher, will conduct the ceremony.

Congratulations to Robin Leonard, who was flown to New York to appear on the Phil Donahue show, discussing the topic "Bizarre Lawsuits."

Congratulations to Amy Markowitz, who just became engaged to Dr. Bob Wachter, the program director of the sixth International Conference on AIDS.

President's Column

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Finally, let me thank Jenny Helbraun, our talented office manager, who has helped me and has enriched my life. Also, our secretary, Leticia Montealegre, has been a great help to CSZ. And Rabbi Kahn's spiritual and practical advice, support and care have been essential.

Again, thanks. It's been an honor.

—Robin Leonard, President

Sibling Notes

Beth Ahavah (Philadelphia)—co-sponsored, on April 23, with the Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies, Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Family & Children's Services, "Living with AIDS: A Jewish Community Town Meeting." This was the first time the Philadelphia Jewish community sponsored an event with a gay/lesbian organization.

Beth Chayim Chadashim (Los Angeles)—recently elected their 1989-1990 officers. Congratulations to President Les Zendle, Vice Presidents Noah Alexander and Carol Saragossi, Secretary Stan Notkin and Treasurer Fred S.

Beth Simchat Torah (New York)—conducted a seder for Persons with AIDS and their friends on April 23.

Beyt G'vurah (Minneapolis)—was featured in an article appearing in the April issue of *Minnesota Jewish Life*. They also report that the *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*, in the "Taste" section, ran an article heralding our own "Out of Our Kitchen Closets."

Chevrei Tikva (Cleveland)—sponsored, on May 12, a Holocaust remembrance program featuring Arthur Kane, teacher at the Cleveland Music School Settlement, called *The Children of Terezin*, a unique song cycle based upon the poems of the children held in Terezin.

Etz Chaim (Miami Beach)—welcomed as Shabbat sermonizer, UAHC Southeastern Regional Director Rabbi Frank Sundheim, on May 5. In addition, they celebrated their 15th anniversary party with a gala affair called Quince (say "keen-say") on May 20. *Mazel tov!*

Or Chadash (Chicago)—is still busily planning the upcoming 11th International Conference, to be held August 24-27. For registration or other information, call (312) 248-9456.

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Central Conference Of American Rabbis

On the weekend of June 24–26, I will be in Cincinnati to attend the celebration of the Centennial Anniversary and Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the organization of Reform rabbis in the United States and abroad. On the agenda of this anniversary convention is a report from the Committee on Homosexuality and the Rabbinat, on which I serve.

The CCAR is one of the three pillars of Reform Judaism, together with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the organization of Reform synagogues in North America to which CSZ belongs, and Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. The oldest continually existing rabbinical organization in the world today, the Conference is now comprised of more than 1,500 men and women who serve more than 1.5 million North American Reform Jews in more than 800 UAHC congregations—as well as at colleges, hospitals, and many other community organizations.

Through CCAR committees, resolutions and responsa (legal opinions), the

Reform rabbinat has been part of every critical movement in American and Jewish history over the past 100 years. The CCAR was the first Jewish organization to formulate a charter on social ethics. Over the years, the CCAR has been a pioneer and leader in the most urgent matters of the day: from organizing for effective child labor laws, to the establishment of the State of Israel, to speaking out against McCarthyism in the 1950s, to public support for the civil-rights movement and vocal opposition to the Vietnam War. In recent years, the CCAR has played a key role in efforts to free Soviet Jewry, mobilized religious support for abortion rights in America and taken strong public stands opposing apartheid in South Africa.

The CCAR, as a body of women and men committed to Jewish learning and Jewish teaching, strives to give Jewish authenticity to Reform Judaism. Reform Judaism is not a haphazard, individualistic and mindless break with fundamentalist forms of Jewish life. Reform Judaism is a courageous attempt to perpetuate the most precious aspect of the

Jewish tradition—the process by which we continue to expand our understanding of what God wants of the Jewish people and of all humanity. The progressive record of the Central Conference is being tested as it considers the religious status of gay and lesbian Jews and support for openly lesbian and gay rabbis.

In 1986, the year after my own ordination, two members of the Conference submitted a resolution calling on the Conference and all the institutions of Reform Judaism to explicitly endorse full equality for gay and lesbian rabbinical students and rabbis. I was appointed to the Committee and have served on it for the last three years. I have been gratified by the openness and commitment of the members of the committee, who have earned my respect and affection during the course of our deliberations; I have also been deeply pained by the ignorance, prejudice and hostility still present among individual members of the Conference.

I have written two essays for the committee. The first is a lengthy survey of all the contemporary Jewish writing on homosexuality and an argument for a progressive Reform position. At the convention in Cincinnati, I will speak on “The Sanctification (*Kedushah*) of Homosexual Relationships.” This convention does not have a resolution calling for a policy statement on gay and lesbian rabbis on its agenda. It is my sincere hope that sufficient education will occur at this convention that such a resolution can be presented and endorsed at our 1990 gathering.

The date of the CCAR centennial anniversary coincides with another important anniversary, the 20th anniversary of Stonewall. I will not be present at Shabbat Freedom or be marching in the parade because I will be in Cincinnati to make my presentation at the convention. I will be here in spirit and trust you will understand the important reason for my absence. I ask for your support and prayers.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Shavuot

Shavu'ot, the last of the three pilgrimage festivals, falls on Thursday night, June 8. According to tradition, the Torah was revealed on Mt. Sinai at Shavu'ot. Under the influence of Jewish mystics, the custom of a *tikkun lel Shavu'ot*—an all-night study session—began in the 16th century. This custom will continue this year at Sha'ar Zahav. According to some rabbis, at the stroke of midnight the gates of heaven open up for all to see!

Sha'ar Zahav's observance will begin with a dairy pot-luck supper, beginning at 6:30. Dinner will be followed by a festival evening service at 7:45, including the reading of the Book of Ruth. Our *tikkun* will begin after the service (about 9) and continue at least until midnight—and longer if you are willing! Rabbi Yoel Kahn and CSZ members will lead Torah

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Shabbat Manuals

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce the publication of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav's own Shabbat Manual. The committee has worked for a number of years on preparing a Shabbat Manual to give to new members when they join the congregation. The idea behind the manual is to give newcomers practical information on how to make Shabbat at home. Through a generous donation, the Shabbat Manual is now available to the entire congregation, not just new members. Each member household is entitled to one free copy of the manual, and additional copies may be purchased for \$3. Pick up your copy of the Shabbat Manual which will be available at the next few Friday night services.

Contributions

Sha'ar Zahav welcomes all contributions, of all sizes, to mark any event, and to any of our funds. Contributions will be acknowledged in the *Forward* unless requested otherwise.

Donations were made to Sha'ar Zahav's funds in the past months by the following contributors:

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Mike Rankin, in honor of Nancy Snow's admission to the G.T.U. Judaic Studies Program
David Glassberg and Tristano Palermino, in memory of Neil Stansky
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Torah Fund

Mike Rankin, in honor of Dan Bellm's conversion to Judaism

Condolences

We at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extend our sympathy to the following members who have suffered a recent loss.

To **Jerry Hipps**, on the loss of his grandfather, Clarence Nielsen.

To the congregation on the loss of its member, **Abraham Cohen**.

To our community on the loss of our friend, **Terry Sutton**.

Remember to keep us up to date. If you've moved, changed your name, have a new phone number, or wish to add a listing to our yahrzeit or anniversary records, please call or write the synagogue office.

11th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews

The 11th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews will be taking place in Chicago from August 24-27, 1989. The conference organizers have chosen as the theme "Choosing to Make a Difference." All of the workshop sessions, speakers and discussion groups will use this theme as their guiding principle, exploring the myriad ways in which we as a group and as individuals can help to make our world a better place for all people.

The International Conference is an opportunity for gay and lesbian Jews to spend a weekend together with people from all over the world, and can be quite an enlightening experience for those who attend. Conferences are held every other year. The last one took place in Amsterdam, and Sha'ar Zahav had a sizeable presence at that event. The conference is held under the auspices of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations, which holds its annual board meeting in conjunction with the conference.

Sha'ar Zahav has agreed to be the host congregation for the 1991 conference, and it would be especially fitting if we could send a large delegation to this year's event, so as to be able to make those personal connections which will help us facilitate planning of the 1991 weekend here.

For further information regarding the 11th International Conference, please call the synagogue office for a registration packet. You may also write to: 11th International Conference, c/o Congregation Or Chadash, 656 West Barry St., Chicago, IL 60657, or call (312) 248-9456.

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Library Notes

June is going to be a busy month for us at Sha'ar Zahav, beginning with Shavuot when we, as Jews, celebrate our acceptance of Torah—our acceptance of the responsibility of our freedom. As lesbians and gay men, we end the month with a celebration of our freedom to be who we are with dignity.

Our library has several books in which we can discover more about both topics. For "midrash" on Shavuot try *The Holiday Tales of Sholem Aleichem* and for information *Seasons of Our Joy* by Arthur Waskow is excellent. There is also *The Jewish Festivals: History and Observance* and the *Encyclopedia Judaica*.

Reading in the *Judaica* about homosexuality is interesting both for what it says and for what it does not say.

Reading either *The Nazi Extermination of Homosexuals* by Frank Rector or *The Pink Triangle* by Richard Plant will really help you appreciate the freedom we enjoy in San Francisco as well as understand how tenuous that freedom might be. Our library also includes a book that is really extraordinary in its scope and detail—*Gay American History* by Jonathan Katz. This book goes a long way toward helping us establish an identity as a group.

This month also completes, for us, 12 years as a synagogue. If you are interested in what we were and how we got where we are, I strongly recommend our collection of the *Gaily Forward* issues of the past.

Several people have expressed an interest in a book discussion group. If this would interest you, bring your books and ideas to an organizational meeting with me after services on Friday, June 16 in the library.

If you have questions about this, or any aspect of the library, please call me at 552-3047. If you want to make a donation of books please call Bill Goldstein at 793-4283.

The magazines and journals that are a part of Sha'ar Zahav's library are a wealth of diverse information and opinion. Many of the articles may be compelling to the lesbian/gay reader.

Judaism, a quarterly journal published by the American Jewish Congress, has an article written by a friend to this congregation, Rabbi Robert Kirshner of Temple Emanu-El. "Halachah and

Homosexuality: A Reappraisal" can be found in the fall 1988 edition.

In the fall 1987 issue of the same quarterly is Theodore Friedman's article, "The Shifting Role of Women from Bible to Talmud." Mr. Friedman claims that the traditional role of the Jewish woman was brought about by the Hellenic influence over the Sages.

In the October 1988 issue of *Midstream*, Tikva Fryree-Kersky seems to support Friedman's ideas in her article, "The Bible, Goddesses, and Sex." Her purpose, however, is to correct Jewish myths and misunderstandings of the religion of Ba'al and the role of women therein. She also talks about the temple "prostitutes"—*Kedoshin* and *Kedoshot*. *Midstream* is published by the Theodore Herzl Foundation.

Moment magazine is a "slick" that is an open forum with an emphasis on Jewish culture. Several articles might be of interest, including "New Books for Jewish Children." This is a review of 11 books with subject matter ranging from what to do about that December holiday to a holiday cookbook. Naomi S. Morse, in her December 1981 article, also recommends Pennina Schram's *Stories One Generation Tells Another*, which is a real treasure.

The November 1987 *Moment* offers "A Precious Gift: A Single Woman Chooses Motherhood with the Help of Modern Science." Just for fun you might examine "The Jewish Roots of Superman" by Dennis Dooley in the June 1988 edition.

Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility is a newsletter published twice monthly. The Purim edition is worthy of note; and the April 3, 1987, edition includes a letter supporting patrilineal descent by one Rabbi Yoel Kahn.

Finally, if you are interested in how the opposition thinks, there is obviously conservative *Commentary*, published by the American Jewish Committee. The August 1988 edition offers "Living with Women's Lib" by Ruth R. Wise. In the December 1987 issue, Marjorie Rosenberg demonstrates how a society goes about "Inventing the Homosexual," and the November 1987 issue brings the question: "AIDS: Are Heterosexuals at Risk?" asked by Michael Fern. All of these articles are guaranteed to upset you.

—Bill Ashley-Dobbin, Librarian

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Birthdays

- 1 Donald Abrams
- 3 David Hyman
- 4 Ora S. Prochovnick
- 5 Rick Crane
- 6 Marsha Blachman
- 6 Ernie Weinstein
- 7 Marianne Camp
- 9 Allyce Kimerling
- 9 Ilana Nahouraii
- 10 Daniel Chesir
- 10 Claudia Bernard
- 13 Sunny Schwartz
- 16 Michael Freedland
- 17 David Delroy
- 18 Lawrence Millner
- 19 Susan Sobel-Feldman
- 22 Margaret Rossoff
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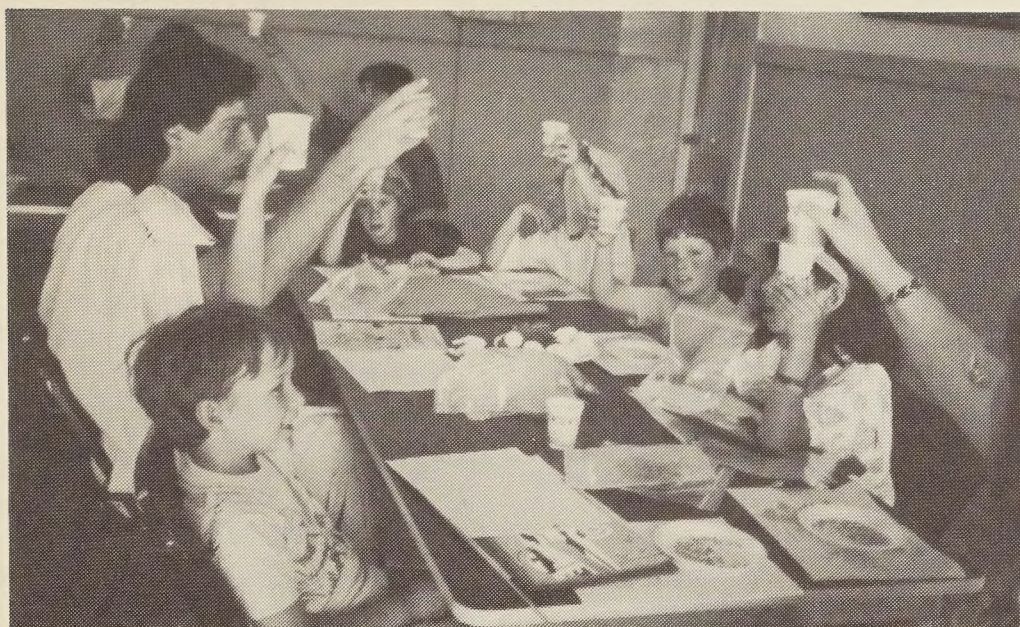
placement of the funds in an established and insured institution, seeking security with a good rate of return.

It is anticipated that most of the assets of the Endowment Fund will come from bequests provided by members in their wills. The Board of Trustees is planning a program and brochure to assist members and friends of the congregation in understanding ways in which we can all leave a timeless legacy to Sha'ar Zahav. In the meantime, remember that it takes only a simple sentence in your will to benefit Sha'ar Zahav in perpetuity. If you have any questions about the Endowment Fund, please feel free to contact a member of the Board of Trustees.

Ameinu

Ameinu, an organization of lesbian and gay professionals working in the Jewish community, will hold its biennial conference from July 28 to 31 in a private conference facility near Toronto, Canada. For more information or registration information, contact Rabbi Kahn at the synagogue office.

Kadimah Explores Passover



Once again, a holiday came alive—this time Passover—for the students of Kadimah, CSZ's innovative religious school program. A week before *Pesach*, the students participated in a dramatization of the Passover story. They became slaves in Egypt, laboriously transporting cardboard blocks under the demanding eyes and impatient shouts of their taskmasters (parents and teachers). Fortunately, Moses and Aaron arrived on the scene. The struggles with the Pharaoh, the plagues, the hurried Exodus and the crossing of the Red Sea became vivid through dramatization. Then the group separated into tribes to wander in the desert for 40 years.

The tribes embarked on a treasure hunt in the neighborhood of the synagogue, following mysterious clues to locate such symbolic objects as salt water, eggs, bones and parsley. Then everyone returned to the oneg room to celebrate a minimalist Seder featuring cha-

roset, matzoh, grape juice and the ceremonial foods from the treasure hunt.

As a result of this program, our children vividly experienced the highlights of the Passover story and the significance of key rituals. This program was one more example of the creativity and enthusiasm of our Kadimah teachers, Steve Grolnic and Phyllis Mintzer. They were honored at a dinner on May, preceding the children's Shabbat service.

While we are winding down our very successful first year, registration is now beginning for next year's Kadimah program. Kadimah meets weekly during the school year on Shabbat morning and is open to children entering kindergarten through fourth grade. To enroll a child not currently in this exciting program or for more information, please contact Ida Kuluk (Religious School co-chair, 531-6179) or Rabbi Yoel Kahn (principal).

—Margaret Rossoff & Rabbi Yoel Kahn

MEMBERSHIP

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it feels good to be
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Shavuot

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study and discussion on a variety of topics, from Jewish sexual ethics to story telling to Ruth. The formal and informal studies will be combined with singing, noshing, star-gazing and shmoozing. While everyone may not be able to stay up the entire night, please come for as long as you can. If you come to dinner, please bring a dish to share. Latecomers will all be seated and the doors do not close until dawn.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in May. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Joshua Cohen
Jerome Geffner
Alexander Konski

New members are welcomed and honored at Friday night services on the last Friday of the month. By making them feel a part of our family, we can all help to show our new members that they have a valuable place at Sha'ar Zahav.

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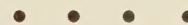
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- 4 Claude Wybrecht, lover of Ralph Vissell
- 5 Claire Israels, mother of David Israels
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- 6 (Sivan 3) Saul Prochovnick, grandfather of Ora Prochovnick
- 8 Robert Mackey, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav and friend of David Shaber
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- 10 Darryl Fine, friend of Don Albert
- 14 Mirtha Beal, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
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- 17 Joseph Millner, father of Lawrence Millner
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- 20 Irving Wildberg, grandfather of Judy Macks
- 20 Henriette Wildberg, grandmother of Judy Macks
- 21 (Sivan 18) Fivel Rudman, grandfather of Rick Crane
- 22 David B. Goodstein, friend of Bernard Pechter
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- 23 Sidney Hannaford, father of Stephanie Hannaford
- 24 (Sivan 21) Anna Handman, grandmother of Jonathan Schwartz
- 25 Pauline Lillian Weill, grandmother of Jill Rose
- 28 Joseph Katz, father of Elizabeth Katz
- 29 Morris Pies, father of Cheri Pies
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The Education Committee is presenting another in its series of brunches and discussion on relationships. The topic for this brunch will be interfaith relationships, lesbian and gay style. The discussion will be led by Dr. Martin Block, a psychologist in private practice for six and a half years specializing in interfaith couple counseling. He has led workshops and group discussions for the Jewish Community Center for over four years. The discussion and brunch is on Sunday, June 18 at 12 noon in the CSZ library. There will be a charge of \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members.

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Anniversaries

- 12 Rosalinda Del Moral & Irene Ogus
- 13 Julie Moed & Cathy Miller
- 13 Yoel Kahn & Dan Bellm
- 19 Mercedes Grace Laurencin & Laurie B. Hauer
- 21 Debbi Jacobs & Joel Levine
- 21 Lolma Olson & Beth Reed
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- 30 Alita Rosenfeld & Kate Sharp

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Va'ad Report

The May Va'ad meeting began promptly at 6:30. All members except Tiela Chalmers and Jonathan Schwartz (both excused) were present. The agenda for this meeting dealt mostly with administrative details and updating of current projects. But two items did engender spirited debate.

Robin Leonard brought a proposal to the Va'ad for funding child-care service. The proposal involved establishing a temporary restricted fund that would be dissolved into a budget line item in the 1990-91 congregational budget. Despite general support for child care, the majority of the Va'ad was uneasy with this proposal. If adopted, the proposal would be a positive statement of Sha'ar Zahav's commitment to child care and our efforts to involve parents in activities. Members of the Va'ad favored such a commitment but were concerned with certain practicalities: insurance, legal responsibilities as well as the debatable desirability of financing child care by a new restricted fund and specific budget line item. The majority of the Va'ad voted to table the proposal and set up a subcommittee to examine this further and report back to the Va'ad next month.

A proposal to install a second telephone line for emergency use only was adopted by the Va'ad after some modification. Many members have noted the need for a public-access telephone at Sha'ar Zahav. After examining the options, the Va'ad decided on installing a second telephone line providing access to the immediate 415 area code zones. This would not be a pay phone. Members will be asked to make a special contribution to the pushke boxes if they use this phone.

The Va'ad spent time brainstorming ideas for the upcoming Advance, the 1991 World Congress Conference location, and the 1989 Chanukah Party. Three names were presented for membership by the Membership Committee and copies of the just-completed Shabbat manual were distributed. A copy of this manual will be mailed to each Sha'ar Zahav member.

As usual, the meeting was adjourned just prior to 9 p.m. with the singing of Oseh Shalom.

—Bill Goldstein, Acting Recorder

Synagogue Information

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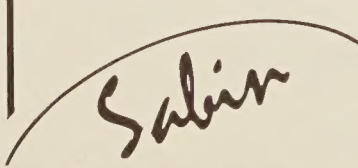
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Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am — check calendar for each month.

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1 Thursday 27 Iyyar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Social Action Committee 7:30pm, Long Range Planning Committee 	9 Friday 6 Sivan Naso <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Jose Luis Moscovich 	17 Saturday 14 Sivan	25 Sunday 22 Sivan Gay Freedom Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch—Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco
2 Friday 28 Iyyar Bemidbar Omer—44th Day Mevarchim Chodesh Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Sue Douglass 	10 Saturday 7 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm, Healing Service 	18 Sunday 15 Sivan Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11am, Father's Day Picnic—Kadimah 12noon, Education Committee Program, Interfaith Relationships 	26 Monday 23 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Education Committee
3 Saturday 29 Iyyar	11 Sunday 8 Sivan	19 Monday 16 Sivan	27 Tuesday 24 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Spirituality Chavurah, Bob Coffman's
4 Sunday 1 Sivan	12 Monday 9 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Va'ad Meeting 	20 Tuesday 17 Sivan	28 Wednesday 25 Sivan
5 Monday 2 Sivan	13 Tuesday 10 Sivan	21 Wednesday 18 Sivan Summer Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Ritual Committee mailing party 	29 Thursday 26 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Ritual Committee 7:30pm, Newsletter mailing, 14 Grandview Terrace
6 Tuesday 3 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm, Adult Education Classes 	14 Wednesday 11 Sivan	22 Thursday 19 Sivan	30 Friday 27 Sivan Shelach-Lecha Mevarchim Chodesh Tammuz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Installation and Anniversary, Rabbi Kahn and Ritual Committee
7 Wednesday 4 Sivan	15 Thursday 12 Sivan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm, Building Committee 7pm, Membership Committee, 1280B Page 7:30pm, Bikkur Cholim 7:30pm, Newsletter editing, 1711 Castro 	23 Friday 20 Sivan Shabbat Freedom Beha'alotecha <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Services, Leslie Bergson and Mike Rankin 	
8 Thursday 5 Sivan Shavuot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm, Dairy Potluck 7:45pm, Services, Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Daniel Chesir 	16 Friday 13 Sivan Naso 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15pm, Torah Service, Daniel Chesir and Dana Vinicoff 	24 Saturday 21 Sivan Shabbat Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30am, Morning Services, Ritual Committee 	

7 Friday, July 7, 4 Tammuz
Korach, 8:30pm, Services, Sue Douglass